

Ladies and Gentlemen, there is no need for me to tell you why we are gathered here today. There is no need for me to make mention of the historic sentiments and feelings we are feeling today.

All I wish to draw your attention to, is the fact that our fore-fathers managed and saw to it - they made it their outlook that their children should retain their freedom and National Heritage - . Hence, our celebration of the 150 year of independence after Turkish Occupation and Enslavement.

Ladies and Gentlemen, our Fore-Fathers did their patriotic duty - but I ask you most sincerely, are we really doing our duty to allow our future generations to realise that we today are doing our utmost to enable the retention of Greek Heritage and Culture, especially in our various adopted <sup>Home lands</sup> programmes. If we are satisfied that we are doing the best that can be done, then obviously, there is nothing for me to say. If however, we are not satisfied, then I merely plead with you to do your patriotic duty towards your children, grand-children and future generations to come, by helping each and every Hellenic Organisation in existence. By helping not only materially, but also by offering help that is constructive ~~help~~. These Organisations Ladies and Gentlemen, do not need ideas, Criticisms, yes criticisms ~~are~~ needed where well founded, but these Organisations need each and every ones physical help. Therefore, I beg to start by looking at our little Organisation here in Alberton and then to start looking outwards to ~~our~~ <sup>other</sup> Organisations, be it the S.A.H.E.T.I. be it other Hellenic Communities, be it the Hellenic Scout Movement, anything Ladies and Gentlemen that aims towards the retention of our Heritage and Culture, so that at least in time to come the future generations will be able to say 'yes' that their Fore-Fathers continued and retained what was provided for us after the War of Independence.

Thank You.

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TO APRAPEZA  
DIOTI AENTO  
EVONSA



# I

Κυρίες και Κύριοι

Είναι περillo εν μέρους μου να σας  
ωσ διαλι συγκεντρωθήκαμεν ὅλοι μας  
ἐδῶ σήμερα. Καθὼς δὲν δά ἀναφερθῶ  
δια τὴν συκίνησιν καὶ τὰ αἰσθηματα  
ὑμῶν μας.

Αὐτὸ ποὺ ἐπιθυμῶ νὰ προσεγγίσω τὴν  
προσοχὴν σας εἶναι ὅτι οἱ ἀρχοὶ  
μας προσωδωθῶσαν καὶ ἀσχέτησαν διὰ  
τὰ ἰδέαν καὶ τὸ μαζορδωσαν.

Θέλησαν τὰ παῖδια τοῦ να αἰωνι-  
σουν τὴν ἑλευθερίαν τους καὶ ἀρχήσῃ

τὴν Κτηρονομιαν χάρι δ' αὐτοῦς.

Καὶ σήμερα ἐορτάσμεν τὰ 150 χρόνια  
τῆς αὐτοελευθερίας μας πλεῖ ἂν ὡς  
ἀρχὸν τῆς Τουρκικῆς τυραννίας καὶ συλαβῆς

Κυρίες καὶ Κύριοι οἱ ἀρχοὶ μας ἔκα-  
ναν τὸ πατριωτικὸν τους καθήκον αἰσέναν  
μας, τῶρα δὲ ἐρωτῶ ἐμπροσθέντα, εἴ τις  
ἀρᾶσμεν εἰσπρινεῖ τὸ καθήκον μας ἵ  
ὥστε ὥστε πλεῖ πέρα νὰ αἰσθανθῶν



II

"Ου εἶπες ἄλλοτε ποτε νὰ δῶς  
νὰ τὰ παραδώσῃς ἑλληνόφωνοις τῇ ἑλληνικῇ  
ἡθῇ καὶ ἔθελῃ. ~~ἔθελῃ~~

Ἐὰν εἶπα ἀναποσπασμένοι οὐ παύωμαι  
οὐ εἶναι τὸ καὶ ποτε δὲν ἔγω νὰ  
προσδίδω τίποτα.

Ἐὰν ὅπως ὄχι, τότε παρακαλῶ περὶ σοῦ  
νὰ μὴ εἶς τὸ παρρησιᾶς σου καὶ τὸν  
ἀνθρώπου διὰ τὰς σοῦ, ἔργον σου  
καὶ τοὺς ἀποστόλους σου, βοηθῶντας  
μας ἑλληνικῇ ὁργάνωσι δὲ νὰ  
ΣΤΗΡΙΧΘΗ ΚΑΙ ΝΑ ΖΗΣΗ!

Βοηθῶντας ὅχι μόνον ὅμως ἀλλὰ καὶ  
οὕτως οἱ ὁργανισμοὶ Κυρίως καὶ ἄλλοι  
δὲν ἔχουσιν ἀνάγκη αὐτῶν ὅλως καὶ πάντως.  
Βεβαίως καὶ ὅμως δὲν ἔχουσιν ἀνάγκη  
ἐξουσίας καὶ τὰ ταυτοποιεῖν.

Ἐν ὁριστοῖς δὲ πάλιν τὴν μικρὴν τὴν  
ἑλληνικὴν κοινότητα ἐστὶν ἐν Ἀλβέρτον καὶ  
μαζὺν τῆς ἑλληνικῆς κοινότητος, ὡς τὸ ἐνδει-  
κνύει, ὡς τὴν προσδοκῶν τὴν νίκησιν



III

ουδένωστε υπίς και υπίος να μαντεψ  
και να αισθανώθε ωρηνάτοι δια των  
πένουσα γυναι και ωρηνάτοι το κατάν-  
των μας αδελφών τους πορφυρώντας  
τα κατάν Χριστιανούς το έμνημα  
ήδη και έδωκα.  
και έτσι τα ωρηνάτοι μας στο πένου  
να γένε ΝΑΙ οι ωρηνάτοι μας πορ-  
φυρώντας το κατάν των και έτσι  
έως του ωρηνάτου 25  
Ασθενήσας

ΖΗΤΩ Η 25<sup>η</sup> Μαρτίου

ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΩ